

**OLD SEWARD OCEANVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES WED. DEC. 20, 2017**

Called to order 18:34 by President Steve Beardsley

Agenda: Dave move, Julie second. Approved as submitted.

Minutes with addendum. Nancy J moved, seconded. Approved

No FCC meeting, so no report.

**Old Business:**

Agenda Item about proposed marijuana retail business:

Dr. Toumi: A survey has been done of property next to retail proposed marijuana establishment.

Resident brought up that proposed establishment had said this was one of the few locations where they could put in a shop in this area. Lots of other discussion from residents about various impacts of a marijuana distribution facility in the area. Several are concerned that although the major owner has not been convicted of felonies, his charges and subsequent reduction of charges appears of concern to them.

Treasurer: Absent, but \$1552.55, gain of \$.06.

Eric Correro for **Chuck Kopp**. Back to Juneau in a few more weeks with regular session. Concentrate on budget and other matters. HB 216 which will look at restoring victim of crimes payments. Session begins on 16 Jan. Lot of the funding goes to pay for inmate health care, although that was not an original intent. It is required.

Assembly: Note from Joshua for Suzanne LaFrance. Various ordinances and changes to regulations in the Muni are being proposed. Attached as addendum.

Katy – Mayor's office did not respond; nor did school board.

Anchorage Police Department representative will visit at January meeting.

Presentation – DOT project: Randy VanderWood repave Seward Highway from MP 114 to Dimond Boulevard.

Handout of pavement preservation project. Culverts under the road at Potter Boardwalk will be visited to determine if they're still safe for both roadway and railroad. Funding from federal highway administration with some matching funds from State of Alaska. *Ad Hoc* pull-offs that are steep will be built up to be more level with the roadway.

Previous paving went over top of rumble strips. Rumble strips will be reinstalled.

Oceanview Community Patrol did not respond.

**New Business:**

Roundabouts safety – yields are not being done. Is placement of signs working for proper safety? Scott Thomas – DOT contact for signs for roadways.

OSOVCC recommended earlier that formation of community patrol needs to be given a 501 ( c ) 3 status to allow CC to reimburse for fuel usage as requested. Once the patrol gets organized, signage for vehicles and vests and such will be on the people who are patrolling.

Motion to adjourn: Nancy J. All in favor.

Adjourn 20:14

Happy holidays!

**Addendum** - Note dated 14 December from Suzanne LaFrance, Anchorage Assembly:

Here are a few items on Tuesday's agenda that I plan to cover at the Turnagain Arm CC meeting tonight (under new public hearings for anyone who wants to testify):

- 14.A - AO No. 2017-154. A ballot proposition that would increase the residential real-property tax exemption from 10% (max \$20k) to 20% (max \$50k). If this passes then the burden would be shifted to commercial property owners. For example, an residential property owner with a \$300k house would pay about \$320 less while a commercial property owner with property valued at \$300k would pay around \$180 more. The projected impact with mill rates and other figures is posted online. A work session is scheduled for tomorrow at 2 pm at City Hall, Mayor's conference room.
- 14.C - AO No. 2017-162. An ordinance amending the Anchorage food code. The intent is to improve food safety and align MOA code with SOA code. This new code also regulates cottage foods; products sold directly to the consumer that do not contain meat, poultry and other potentially hazardous foods. A work session is scheduled for tomorrow at 1 pmat City Hall, Mayor's conference room.
- 14.P - AO 2017-149. A ballot proposition amending the charter to adopt a wholesale sales tax on alcoholic beverages. We will most likely not vote on this item on Tuesday as a work session will be scheduled. If this passes, it would institute a 2% wholesale tax, effective 7/1/2018. The assembly would be authorized to increase the tax to 6% without another ballot proposition. The AM lays out the reasons nicely, the economic cost of alcohol and drug abuse in Alaska estimated at \$3.1B or

\$4k per Alaskan. Revenue from this tax would be used to support alcohol treatment programs in Anchorage. As you know, CHAR has been full steam ahead in their campaign against this proposal. Frankly, I don't think they are contributing positively to the conversation. If you think about this as a "user fee" and consider that we tax MJ at the state and local level, I think this is a modest proposal.

Probably TACC will have questions about the fuel tax, which as you know doesn't go into effect until April. (Or is it end of March? I'll have to look that one up.) Other people have questioned how it can be guaranteed to be used for property tax relief. Well, it's an ordinance now so I'd say trust as much or as little as you do in the overall process.

The ordinance on the wastewater disposal that passed 11/21 was reconsidered at the 12/5 meeting and scheduled to be taken up on 1/23. So there is additional opportunity for public input. (The reason for reconsideration had to do with a 20" riser requirement that Eagle River residents wanted to further discuss. )

As you know on 12/5 we also passed the ordinance to reduce notice time for illegal campsite abatement from 15 to 10 days. While we weren't able to address schools and playgrounds in this ordinance, I understand that the MOA can give 72-hour notice and then remove a camp and store the resident's belongings.

Lastly, on 12/5 at the request of the chair, we postponed AO 2017-155 - removal of exemption from fees for excessive police responses for non-profit and charitable properties. Lots of public and agency feedback on that one. An S-version is forthcoming.

Ok, that's all for now! Thank you both for all the great work you do!

Take care,  
Suzanne

Submitted\_\_\_\_\_ -by Mike Fenster Jan 24-2018  
Approved\_\_\_\_\_ Jan 24, 2018